



# City of Port Moody

## Minutes

### Special Council Meeting

Electronic Webinar via Zoom  
Tuesday, May 18, 2021  
at 7:08pm

**Present:**

Mayor R. Vagramov  
Councillor D.L. Dilworth  
Councillor M.P. Lahti  
Councillor A.A. Lubik  
Councillor H. Madsen  
Councillor S. Milani  
Councillor P.Z.C. Royer

**In Attendance:**

Tim Savoie – City Manager  
Theresa Cochran – General Manager of Community Services  
Ron Coulson – Fire Chief  
Jennifer Mills – Committee Coordinator  
Jeff Moi – General Manager of Engineering and Operations  
Angie Parnell – General Manager of People, Communications,  
and Engagement  
Paul Rockwood – General Manager of Finance and Technology  
Marc Saunders – Director of Library Services  
Dorothy Shermer – Corporate Officer  
Tracey Takahashi – Deputy Corporate Officer  
Kate Zanon – General Manager of Community Development

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Vagramov called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Councillor Madsen left the meeting at this point.

**2. General Matters**

**Resolution to Go  
Into Finance  
Committee**

**2.1 RC21/302**

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT Council go into Finance Committee.**

Councillor Milani assumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.

<b>Heavy Apparatus Replacement Program – Funding Request</b>	<p>3. Finance Committee</p> <p>3.1 Report: Fire and Rescue Services Department, dated April 15, 2021</p> <p>Councillor Madsen returned to the meeting at this point.</p> <p><u>FC21/042</u></p> <p>Moved, seconded, and CARRIED</p> <p><b>THAT the funding envelope to purchase the final piece of equipment as part of the Fire Rescue Heavy Apparatus Replacement Program be increased by \$495,000 as recommended in the report dated April 15, 2021 from the Fire and Rescue Services Department regarding Heavy Apparatus Replacement Program – Funding Request.</b></p>
<b>Funding Source – loco Townsite 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy Public Art Project</b>	<p>3.2 Memo: Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division, dated May 10, 2021</p> <p><u>FC21/043</u></p> <p>Moved, seconded, and CARRIED</p> <p><b>THAT the budget of up to \$60,000 for the installation of a legacy public art project to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the loco Townsite be funded from the Art Works Reserve as recommended in the memo dated May 10, 2021 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding Funding Source – loco Townsite 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy Public Art Project.</b></p>
<b>2021 Grant Funding – First Quarter</b>	<p>3.3 Memo: Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division, dated April 30, 2021</p> <p><u>FC21/044</u></p> <p>Moved, seconded, and CARRIED</p> <p><b>THAT the memo dated April 30, 2021 from the Finance and Technology Department – Financial Services Division regarding 2021 Grant Funding – First Quarter be received for information.</b></p>
<b>Contract Awards Over \$200,000 – February 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021</b>	<p>3.4 Memo: Finance and Technology Department – Corporate Purchasing and Risk Management Division, dated May 6, 2021</p> <p><u>FC21/045</u></p> <p>Moved, seconded, and CARRIED</p> <p><b>THAT the memo dated May 6, 2021 from the Finance and Technology Department – Corporate Purchasing and Risk Management Division regarding Contract Awards Over \$200,000 – February 1, 2021 to April 30, 2021 be received for information.</b></p>

- Resolution to Adopt Finance Committee Report**
4. Rise and Report
- 4.1 Mayor Vagramov resumed the role of Presiding Member at this point.

RC21/303

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the recommendations approved at the Finance Committee meeting of May 18, 2021 be ratified.**

- Resolution to Go Into Committee of the Whole**
5. General Matters
- 5.1 RC21/304
- Moved, seconded, and CARRIED
- THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole.**

CW21/059

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT Helping Newport Neighbours with Short-Term Parking Needs be added to the agenda as item 7.9.**

6. Public Input

Hazel Mason (Port Moody) expressed support for the Request of Support for a Public Toilet at Moody Centre Skytrain report recommendations, and expressed concerns about the Shaping the Next Port Moody – Signature Park for the Southwest Shore recommendations, noting that Moody Centre’s need for greenspace is critical and that priority for parkland should be given to this area. Ms. Mason expressed concerns about the Governing in Virtual Settings report recommendations, noting that past meetings conducted in this format have been disruptive and disorganized. Ms. Mason expressed concerns about the Council Procedure Bylaw Update – Secret Recordings report recommendations, noting that all meetings can be recorded and may not be made available to the public. Ms. Mason also expressed concerns with the Use of City Solicitor Oversight report recommendations, noting that the reports are vague and do not provide the public with sufficient information.

Haven Lurbiecki (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Shaping the Next Port Moody – Signature Park for the Southwest Shore recommendations, noting that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the Parks and Recreation Commission Parkland Acquisition Strategy Working Group provide information on more suitable locations for the much-needed parkland in Port Moody and requested that Council defer this item until the Parkland Acquisition Strategy is complete. Ms. Lurbiecki also expressed concerns about the Council Code of Conduct Update – Obligation to Disclose report recommendations and urged Council to adhere to the established policies.

Kyla Knowles (Port Moody) expressed support for the Shaping the Next Port Moody – Signature Park for the Southwest Shore report recommendations, noting that the proposed park would be a positive addition to the neighbourhood, contribute to the total parkland in the City, and provide relief to overused parks and congested areas, such as Moody Centre.

Barry Sharbo (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Shaping the Next Port Moody – Signature Park for the Southwest Shore report recommendations, noting that the proposed location has been scheduled for a different use and that the land may not be suitable for parkland, and suggested that the site may be better suited for an economic development use to increase jobs and generate revenue.

Joan Stuart (Port Moody) expressed concerns about the Shaping the Next Port Moody – Signature Park for the Southwest Shore report recommendations, suggesting that expanding parkland on the east and west sides of Rocky Point Park would be a more appropriate location to establish more parkland in the city.

Ms. Stuart also expressed concerns with the Council Code of Conduct Update – Obligation to Disclose report recommendations, noting that the recommendations are unclear. Ms. Stuart also expressed concerns with the Governing in Virtual Settings report recommendations, noting that past meetings where microphone control has been centralized have been more collegial and easier for residents to follow, and urged Council to continue conducting meetings with centrally-controlled microphones.

Wilhelmina Martin (Port Moody) expressed support for the Shaping the Next Port Moody – Signature Park for the Southwest Shore report recommendations, suggesting that staff should undertake a review and report back on the proposed location's suitability for a park. Ms. Martin expressed support for the Governing in Virtual Settings report recommendations, suggesting that members of Council should have the ability to control their own microphones and that a neutral participant should be responsible for monitoring the speaker order and time limits.

## **7. Committee of the Whole**

**Delegation – John  
and Carrie  
Hightower**

- 7.1** This item was postponed at the request of the Delegation.

**UBCM Development Approvals Program Application**

7.2 Memo: General Manager of Community Development, dated April 28, 2021

CW21/060

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the City of Port Moody's application to the UBCM Development Approvals Program and staff time to provide management of the grant be supported as recommended in the memo dated April 28, 2021 from the General Manager of Community Development regarding UBCM Development Approvals Program Application.**

**Request of Support for a Public Toilet at Moody Centre Skytrain**

7.3 Report: Councillor Amy Lubik, dated April 30, 2021

CW21/061

Moved and seconded

**THAT staff be directed to investigate the opportunity to partner with TransLink, the Province of BC, or other partners to install an accessible public toilet at Moody Centre Station, with preference for an easy-to-install and low-maintenance model (e.g. Portland Loo) as recommended in the report dated April 30, 2021 from the Office of Councillor Amy Lubik regarding Request of Support for a Public Toilet at Moody Centre Skytrain.**

CW21/062

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the foregoing motion be amended by replacing "Moody Centre Station" with "Moody Centre Station and Inlet Centre Station".**

The question on the main motion (CW21/061) as amended (by CW21/062) was put to a vote; the following motion CARRIED:

**THAT staff be directed to investigate the opportunity to partner with TransLink, the Province of BC, or other partners to install an accessible public toilet at Moody Centre Station and Inlet Centre Station, with preference for an easy-to-install and low-maintenance model (e.g. Portland Loo) as recommended in the report dated April 30, 2021 from the Office of Councillor Amy Lubik regarding Request of Support for a Public Toilet at Moody Centre Skytrain.**

**Shaping the Next  
Port Moody –  
Signature Park for  
the Southwest Shore**

7.4

Report: Councillor Diana Dilworth and Councillor Meghan Lahti, dated May 6, 2021

Councillors Dilworth and Lahti gave a presentation on Shaping the Next Port Moody – Signature Park for the Southwest Shore, including information regarding existing parks in Port Moody; lands to be considered for park assembly; current demand for park space in Moody Centre, Rocky Point Park, and Shoreline Parks; framework, targets, and challenges for increasing park space outlined in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; economic, health, environmental, and ecological benefits of parks and recreation; results of the 2015 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Survey; opportunities for inclusivity and reconciliation, relocating the Public Works Yard, economic growth, water features, off-leash dog areas, green cemetery, community gardens, new and improved trails, playgrounds for all ages and abilities, art installations, and outdoor games; impacts of long-term strategic decisions; and updates to the Development Cost Charges (DCC) Bylaw.

Councillors Dilworth and Lahti answered questions from Council regarding updating the City's DCC Project List and public engagement strategies.

Staff answered questions from Council regarding updating the DCC Bylaw.

CW21/063

Moved and seconded

**WHEREAS the City of Port Moody Parks and Recreation Master Plan outlines the need for increased park space in an effort to meet the needs of our growing population;**

**AND WHEREAS parks are a significant economic generator and are essential to personal health and well-being, and provide greenspaces that are essential to human, environmental, and ecological well-being;**

**AND WHEREAS the City of Port Moody has established a Development Cost Charges Bylaw to address the City's needs in relation to future parkland infrastructure, and these reserve funds may only be used for capital costs relating to an approved Development Cost Charges Bylaw;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff identify the public lands within Barnet Landfill Site, Westhill Park, and Alfred Howe Trail, to be assembled together for the development of a new signature park on the southwest shore of Port Moody as recommended in the report dated May 6, 2021 from the Offices of Councillor Diana Dilworth and Councillor Meghan Lahti regarding Shaping the Next Port Moody – Signature Park for the Southwest Shore;**

**AND THAT the establishment of a signature south shore park be included as a parks project identified within the City's Development Cost Charges Project List;**

**AND THAT as part of the OCP's engagement processes, the concept of a south shore signature park be introduced as a mid-to-long term project for the community.**

CW21/064

Moved and seconded

**THAT the foregoing motion be referred to staff for a report back on the implications regarding the RFEI process.**

CW21/065

Moved, seconded and DEFEATED

**THAT this item be postponed until such time that the Parkland Acquisition Strategy has been completed and reviewed by Council.**

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Lahti, Lubik, and Royer)

The question on the referral motion (CW21/064) was put to a vote; the following motion was DEFEATED:

**THAT the foregoing motion be referred to staff for a report back on the implications regarding the RFEI process.**

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Lahti, Lubik, and Royer)

CW21/066

Moved and seconded

**THAT the foregoing motion be amended by replacing the last clause with "AND THAT as part of the OCP's engagement processes, the community be consulted on the concept of establishing a signature south shore park in comparison to other park expansion options and that alternative possible uses also be evaluated."**

CW21/067

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the foregoing amending motion be further amended by replacing "in comparison to" with "alongside".**

The question on the amendment motion (CW21/066) as amended (by CW21/067) was put to a vote; the following amendment motion was CARRIED:

**THAT the foregoing motion be amended by replacing the last clause with "AND THAT as part of the OCP's engagement processes, the community be consulted on the concept of establishing a signature south shore park alongside other park expansion options and that alternative possible uses also be evaluated."**

Separation of the last two clauses of the main motion (CW21/063) as amended (by CW21/066-067) was requested.

The question on the first part of the main motion (CW21/063a) as amended (by CW21/066-067) was put to a vote; the following motion was DEFEATED:

**WHEREAS the City of Port Moody Parks and Recreation Master Plan outlines the need for increased park space in an effort to meet the needs of our growing population;**

**AND WHEREAS parks are a significant economic generator and are essential to personal health and well-being, and provide greenspaces that are essential to human, environmental, and ecological well-being;**

**AND WHEREAS the City of Port Moody has established a Development Cost Charges Bylaw to address the City's needs in relation to future parkland infrastructure, and these reserve funds may only be used for capital costs relating to an approved Development Cost Charges Bylaw;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff identify the public lands within Barnet Landfill Site, Westhill Park, and Alfred Howe Trail, to be assembled together for the development of a new signature park on the southwest shore of Port Moody as recommended in the report dated May 6, 2021 from the Offices of Councillor Diana Dilworth and Councillor Meghan Lahti regarding Shaping the Next Port Moody – Signature Park for the Southwest Shore;**

(Voting against: Councillors Lubik, Madsen, and Milani and Mayor Vagramov)

The remaining clauses of the motion were not put to a vote as the clauses containing the required antecedents were defeated.

CW21/068

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the report dated May 6, 2021 from the Offices of Councillor Diana Dilworth and Councillor Meghan Lahti regarding Shaping the Next Port Moody – New Signature Park for South West Shore be referred to staff for a report back on implications of considering a new park after the conclusion of the Request for Expression of Interest process;**

**AND THAT, as part of the OCP engagement process, the community be consulted on the concept of establishing a signature south shore park alongside other park expansion options and that alternative possible uses also be evaluated.**

(Voting against: Councillor Milani)



**Council Code of  
Conduct Update –  
Obligation to  
Disclose**

7.5 Report: Councillor Zoë Royer, dated May 6, 2021

Councillor Dilworth left the meeting at this point.

CW21/069

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the meeting be extended until 10:48pm.**

Councillor Dilworth returned to the meeting at this point.

Moved

**WHEREAS a Member of Council who is in a position of Conflict of Interest may witness circumstances that are detrimental to the interests of either the City or the public;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Member of Council be required to report these circumstances to the body of Council in a closed meeting at the earliest scheduled opportunity as recommended in the report dated May 6, 2021 from the Office of Councillor Zoë Royer regarding Council Code of Conduct Update – Obligation to Disclose;**

**AND THAT a member in conflict of interest in such a matter be required to declare the conflict, then be requested to explain the situation to Council and answer questions from Council in a closed meeting;**

**AND THAT the member in conflict be required to leave the meeting after sharing the information and be excluded from deliberating and voting on the matter;**

**AND THAT the Council Code of Conduct be amended to include the above.**

The motion was ruled out of order. The ruling of the Chair was challenged.

CW21/070

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the ruling of the Chair be sustained.**

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Lahti, and Royer)

CW21/071

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT a legal opinion be sought from Don Lidstone on the validity of the motion for the Council Code of Conduct Update – Obligation to Disclose item that was ruled out of order;**

**AND THAT the legal opinion address the entirety of Part 4 Division 6 of the *Community Charter*.**

(Voting against: Mayor Vagramov)

Moved and seconded

**THAT staff be directed to amend either the Council Procedure Bylaw or Mayor and Council Guidelines Corporate Policy as recommended in the report dated May 6, 2021 from Councillor Zoë Royer regarding Council Procedure Bylaw Update – Secret Recordings:**

**“Council members are required to disclose the electronic recording of any meeting of Council or conversation they intend to record, to all persons in attendance at the onset of the meeting.**

**And Council members are required to disclose the electronic recording of any meeting or conversation they intend to record, to all persons in attendance at the onset of any meeting struck using city resources.**

**Should Council learn that a surreptitious recording was created that is being used to influence discussion or vote of Council, or to disparage a member of Council or staff, the unaltered original recording must be given to the Clerk immediately for safeguarding until such time the recording can be authenticated by an independent audio forensic professional.”.**

The motion was ruled out of order. The ruling of the Chair was challenged.

CW21/072

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the ruling of the Chair be sustained.**

(Voting against: Councillors Dilworth, Lahti, and Royer)

CW21/073

Moved and seconded

**THAT staff be directed to amend the Council Procedure Bylaw to state that Closed meetings of Council cannot be recorded by members of Council.**

CW21/074

Moved, seconded, and CARRIED

**THAT the meeting be extended until 11:03pm.**

The question on the main motion (CW21/073) was put to a vote; the following motion was CARRIED:

**THAT staff be directed to amend the Council Procedure Bylaw to state that Closed meetings of Council cannot be recorded by members of Council.**

(Voting against: Councillors Madsen and Milani, and Mayor Vagramov)

The meeting was automatically adjourned at 11:03pm.

- Use of City Solicitor Oversight**      7.7      Report: Councillor Zoë Royer, dated May 6, 2021  
This item was not addressed.
- Governing in Virtual Settings**      7.8      Report: Councillor Zoë Royer, dated May 6, 2021  
This item was not addressed.
- Helping Newport Neighbours with Short-Term Parking Needs**      7.9      Verbal Report: Councillor Diana Dilworth  
This item was not addressed.

- Adoption of Committee of the Whole Report**      8.      Rise and Report  
8.1      This item was not addressed.

9.      Legislative Matters

10.      Adjournment  
The meeting was automatically adjourned at 11:03pm.

Certified correct in accordance with section 148(a) of the *Community Charter*.

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T. Takahashi, Deputy Corporate Officer

Confirmed on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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R. Vagramov, Mayor